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SUBJ: INDIA IN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

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1. AFTER TALKING TO SENIOR AND HIGHLY TRUSTED JOURNALIST CONTACTS, WE BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST ONE EFFORT WAS MADE TO ATTRACT SIC ATTENTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDIA.

2. A VERY SENIOR AMERICAN JOURNALIST CLAIMS TO HAVE SECURED A COMMITMENT FROM SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) FIRST SECRETARY FRANCOIS MITTERRAND TO HAVE THE SIC MAKE A DECLARATION ON THE FERNANDES CASE. THIS JOURNALIST ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE ASKED MITTERRAND TO USE "ALL POSSIBLE SUASORY MECHANISMS" TO HAVE THE CONGRESS OFFICIALLY INQUIRE AS TO THE STATUS OF VIRI N. SHAH.

3. OUR JOURNALIST CONTACT FURTHER SAYS THAT WHEN HE "BRACED" MITTERRAND OVER PS FAILURE TO RAISE THE ISSUE
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OF SHAH AND FERNANDES AT THE SIC, MITTERRAND MERELY

SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS AND SAID THAT "INDIA POSES
TOO MANY PROBLEMS TO TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THE SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL. THEREFORE IT NEVER GETS DISCUSSED."
MITTERRAND WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS AND TO PROMISE
"A TIMELY PERSONAL INTERVENTION IN FAVOR OF SHAH AND
FERNANDES."
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